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Format and annotated provisional agenda

1. Pursuant to resolution 54/33, in which the General Assembly established the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea, the two co-chairpersons appointed by the President of the General Assembly will develop, in consultation with delegations, a format for the discussions at the Consultative Process that best facilitates its work, in accordance with the rules of procedure and practices of the General Assembly. It is recalled that the mandate of the Consultative Process was extended by the General Assembly for three-year periods by resolutions 57/141 and 60/30, and for an additional two-year period by resolution 63/111.

2. On the basis of consultations with delegations and of an informal preparatory meeting held at United Nations Headquarters on 18 March 2010, the co-chairpersons, Paul Badji (Senegal) and Don MacKay (New Zealand), developed a format for the discussions at the eleventh meeting of the Consultative Process (see annex I) and are proposing a provisional agenda for the meeting (see annex II).

3. The areas of concentration for the discussion panel on the topic "Capacity-building in ocean affairs and the law of the sea, including marine science" are presented in annex III and are intended to identify important issues that the discussion panel may wish to consider, in particular by reference to the annual report of the Secretary-General on oceans and the law of the sea (A/65/69).

4. The Consultative Process is invited to consider and adopt the provisional agenda.

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Annex I

Format for the eleventh meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea

Methods of work

1. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 54/33, the eleventh meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea will work through plenary sessions and a discussion panel.

2. The plenary sessions will be open to participation by all those listed in paragraph 3 (a) of General Assembly resolution 54/33. The discussion panel will also be open to participation by representatives of major groups, as identified in section III of Agenda 21 of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development.[a]

3. Within the constraints of the available accommodation, such representatives of major groups and other observers will be free to attend the plenary sessions in accordance with established practice.

Agenda

4. The two co-chairpersons will propose a provisional agenda setting out a proposed programme of work for the meeting and a timetable for the plenary sessions and the discussion panel. The provisional agenda will take into account paragraphs 186, 188 and 193 of General Assembly resolution 64/71. The Consultative Process at its eleventh meeting will consider and adopt its agenda.

Discussion panel

5. In paragraph 193 of its resolution 64/71, the General Assembly decided that the Consultative Process at its eleventh meeting would focus its discussions on capacity-building in ocean affairs and the law of the sea, including marine science. On the basis of consultations with delegations, the two co-chairpersons proposed an outline for the topic to be discussed by the discussion panel at the eleventh meeting. The co-chairpersons intend to invite a limited number of panellists to launch the discussions by making short presentations on relevant questions.

Outcome of the eleventh meeting

6. The outcome of the meeting will consist of a co-chairpersons' summary of issues and ideas raised during the plenary sessions, including with respect to devising a transparent, objective and inclusive process for the selection of topics

[a] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992*, vol. I, *Resolutions adopted by the Conference* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex II.

and panellists, so as to facilitate the work of the General Assembly, and of issues and ideas raised during the discussion panel on the topic of focus. In accordance with past practice, the outcome will also include issues that could benefit from attention in the future work of the General Assembly on oceans and the law of the sea. The advance and unedited text of the outcome document will be submitted at the meeting of the Consultative Process. The two co-chairpersons will transmit the outcome of the meeting to the President of the General Assembly.

Annex II

Annotated provisional agenda for the eleventh meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea

Monday, 21 June 2010 **10 a.m.-1 p.m.**[a]

First plenary session

Item 1. Opening of the eleventh meeting

1. Patricia O'Brien, Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Legal Counsel, and Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, or their designated representatives, will open the proceedings on behalf of the Secretary-General.

2. The co-chairpersons will make opening remarks.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda

3. The Consultative Process is invited to consider, as appropriate, and to adopt the agenda for the eleventh meeting. The schedule of agenda items is indicative and the consideration of the agenda items will proceed according to the progress made in the discussions.

Item 3. General exchange of views

4. It is suggested that during the general exchange of views delegations may wish to address in particular the topic of focus for the eleventh meeting, "Capacity-building in ocean affairs and the law of the sea, including marine science".

5. Owing to time constraints and the potential number of speakers, delegations are kindly requested to limit their interventions to no more than five minutes.

3-6 p.m.[a]

Discussion panel
Capacity-building in ocean affairs and the law of the sea, including marine science

6. On the basis of the areas of concentration for the discussion panel set forth in annex III, it is proposed that the discussion panel segments be organized as set out below. For each segment, it is proposed to commence with panel presentations followed by discussions among delegations and panellists.

Segment 1
Assessing the need for capacity-building in ocean affairs and the law of the sea, including marine science

(a) Panel presentations;

(b) Discussion.

[a] All meetings will commence promptly at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Tuesday, 22 June 2010 **10 a.m.-1 p.m.**[a]

Discussion panel (*continued*)

Segment 1 (*continued*)
Assessing the need for capacity-building in ocean affairs and the law of the sea, including marine science

(a) Panel presentations;

(b) Discussion.

Segment 2
Overview of capacity-building activities/initiatives in ocean affairs and the law of the sea, including marine science and transfer of technology

(a) Panel presentations;

(b) Discussion.

3-6 p.m.[a]

Segment 2 (*continued*)
Overview of capacity-building activities/initiatives in ocean affairs and the law of the sea, including marine science and transfer of technology

(a) Panel presentations;

(b) Discussion.

Wednesday, 23 June 2010 **10 a.m.-1 p.m.**[a]

Discussion panel (*continued*)

Segment 3
Challenges for achieving effective capacity-building in ocean affairs and the law of the sea, including marine science and transfer of technology

(a) Panel presentations;

(b) Discussion.

3-6 p.m.[a]

Discussion panel (*continued*)

Segment 4
New approaches, best practices and opportunities for improved capacity-building in ocean affairs and the law of the sea

(a) Panel presentations;

(b) Discussion.

Thursday, 24 June 2010 **10 a.m.-1 p.m.**[a]

Discussion panel *(continued)*

Segment 4 (continued)
New approaches, best practices and opportunities for improved capacity-building in ocean affairs and the law of the sea

(a) Panel presentations;

(b) Discussion.

Second plenary session

Item 4. Inter-agency cooperation and coordination

7. The Coordinator of the Oceans and Coastal Areas Network (UN-Oceans), the inter-agency mechanism for cooperation and coordination, will be invited to provide information on its activities in relation to the topic of focus.

Item 5. Issues that could benefit from attention in future work of the General Assembly on ocean affairs and the law of the sea

8. The Consultative Process will be presented with a composite streamlined list of issues that could benefit from attention in the future work of the General Assembly, prepared by the co-chairpersons on the basis of the reports on the work of the Consultative Process from its fourth to tenth meetings (A/58/95, A/59/122, A/60/99, A/61/156, A/62/169, A/63/174 and Corr.1 and A/64/131). Delegations will have the opportunity to propose for inclusion in the list issues that could benefit from attention in the future work of the General Assembly.

3-6 p.m.[a]

Third plenary session

Item 6. Process for the selection of topics and panellists so as to facilitate the work of the General Assembly

9. The Consultative Process will consider the recommendation contained in paragraph 188 of General Assembly resolution 64/71 "that the Consultative Process devise a transparent, objective and inclusive process for the selection of topics and panellists, so as to facilitate the work of the General Assembly during the informal consultations concerning the annual resolution on oceans and the law of the sea". Delegations will be invited to make general statements and also be given the opportunity to present specific proposals in this regard.

Friday, 25 June 2010 **10 a.m.-1 p.m.**[a]

Fourth plenary session

Item 6. Process for the selection of topics and panellists so as to facilitate the work of the General Assembly (continued)

Item 7. Consideration of the outcome of the meeting

10. The Consultative Process will be provided with an opportunity to consider the outcome of the meeting. In accordance with the draft format for the meeting (see

annex I), the outcome of the meeting will consist of a co-chairpersons' summary of issues and ideas raised during the plenary sessions, including with respect to devising a transparent, objective and inclusive process for the selection of topics and panellists, so as to facilitate the work of the General Assembly, and of issues and ideas raised during the discussion panel on the topic of focus. Where possible, the co-chairpersons will also seek to identify in their summary any areas where a "natural consensus" arises during the course of the meeting.

3-6 p.m.*

Fifth plenary session

Item 7. Consideration of the outcome of the meeting (continued)

Annex III

Proposed areas of concentration for the discussion panel on the topic "Capacity-building in ocean affairs and the law of the sea, including marine science"

Information contained in the report of the Secretary-General

1. The report of the Secretary-General on oceans and the law of the sea to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session (A/65/69) provides background information for the discussion panel on "Capacity-building in ocean affairs and the law of the sea, including marine science".

2. In particular, the report provides information on: the relevance and scope of capacity-building in ocean affairs and the law of the sea; the capacity-building needs of States; means of implementation of capacity-building activities/initiatives; challenges in implementing capacity-building measures and opportunities for ways forward. Within each section, particular focus is also drawn to capacity-building for marine science. The information provided in the report should not be considered to limit the range of possible areas for discussion, but is intended to provide a basis for an informed dialogue.

Discussion panel segments

3. In considering the possible approaches for structuring the discussion panel segments in relation to the topic of focus, it may be recalled that the General Assembly, in resolution 64/71, recognized the role of the Consultative Process as a unique forum for comprehensive discussions on issues related to oceans and the law of the sea, consistent with the framework provided by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and chapter 17 of Agenda 21, and that the perspective of the three pillars of sustainable development should be further enhanced in the examination of the selected topics. It also recognized "the primary role of the Consultative Process in integrating knowledge, the exchange of opinions among multiple stakeholders, coordination among competent agencies, and enhancing awareness of topics, including emerging issues, while promoting the three pillars of sustainable development".

4. In considering the topic entitled "Capacity-building in ocean affairs and the law of the sea, including marine science", it is proposed that the respective panel segments concentrate their discussions on the following four areas:

(a) *Assessing the need for capacity-building in ocean affairs and the law of the sea, including marine science*

5. This panel segment could address the role of capacity-building, including in the effective implementation of the law of the sea, the promotion of the three pillars of sustainable development and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals; and assess the needs of developing States in this regard, including in relation to marine science.

(b) *Overview of capacity-building activities/initiatives in ocean affairs and the law of the sea, including marine science and transfer of technology*

6. This panel segment could provide an overview of the scope and types of current capacity-building activities and initiatives, including for marine science.

(c) *Challenges for achieving effective capacity-building in ocean affairs and the law of the sea, including marine science and transfer of technology*

7. This panel segment could provide various perspectives on the challenges for achieving effective capacity-building (e.g., the perspectives of users/recipients of assistance, providers of capacity-building and funders of activities and initiatives).

(d) *New approaches, best practices and opportunities for improved capacity-building in ocean affairs and the law of the sea*

8. This panel segment could highlight some of the new approaches, best practices and opportunities for improved capacity-building, including in relation to marine science, with a focus on areas where cooperation and coordination could be enhanced.